

Minutes for the Paul Memorial Library Trustees

Meeting on January 4, 2016

Attending: Pam Burch, Kim Crisp, Win Fream, Chris Fernandes, Nancy Taylor, Sandy Cross

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

The minutes for December were accepted.

Food Pantry:

Nancy Taylor and Sandy Cross, members of the Newfields Community Church, attended the meeting to discuss a potential partnership between the library and the church that would see the library help the church with their food pantry drop offs. The library would serve as another place for people to drop-off food items. Every couple of weeks, a Trustee would co-ordinate with Nancy, a time to drop-off the food items at the church. The library will put in its newsletter the food items that are needed. Nancy said she would work on a list of needs.

Treasurers Report:

As of Dec. 31st, in our donation account we have \$1,773.75 and \$10,270.17 in our regular checking account. The library received a gracious \$500 donation from the Space Station in December that will go into the donation fund.

Director's Report:

Pam's report is attached

Staffing:

Lee resigned on 12/12, effective 12/28. Lee's hours will be taken by Jess. The library will be looking to hire a floater to cover sick time and vacations.

Building/grounds:

Kim will contact handyman Doug Class about putting in handrails and a baby changing station in the bathroom.

Director's review:

Discussed finding a date for Pam's review.

Acoustic Jam:

Kim proposed holding an open acoustic jam at the library, tentatively scheduled for January 28th from 7-9pm. Kim will discuss the date and time with her guitar teacher Randy Browning. Browning will encourage his students and friends to attend. Pam will promote the event on constant contact, Facebook, and on the library's web site.

Laptop:

Win will contact an IT person to help fix a sound and sizing issue between the laptops screen and the movie projector screen.

Pancake breakfast:

Discussed possible dates for the pancake breakfast. We will try hold the breakfast on the same day the Newfields Youth Athletic Association holds their field clean-up day. Chris will coordinate a date with the NYAA.

Movie night for February

The yet to be determined movie will be held on Feb. 12th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. **Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 1 at 6:30**

Respectfully submitted, Chris Fernandes

Director's Report for December 2015

New and Important

- Request for handrail in the bathroom (purchased, awaiting installation)
- Still need to have baby changing installed
- Another Mellon distribution check was received for \$
- Windows were washed in December - huge improvement!
- No heat on December 14 - called Cammett
- One public computer crashed - needed new hard drive
- Coordinated with the Police Department's Helpful Hands program for holidays

Book Clubs

Our Afternoon Book Club met on December 9 to discuss Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress, with 11 members attending. Etta Williams brought holiday cookies, Lois Bailey brought handmade bookmarks, and we held our holiday book raffle. The Evening group discussed The Incredible Journey on December 21 with 7 members attending. They also held their annual holiday party and book swap.

Staffing

Lee resigned on December 12, effective December 28th. Jess will take over her hours, we will rearrange the work schedule and look for a "floater" to cover sick time/vacations.

Future Events

Movie Night - January 22 at 7 pm showing "Minions"

2nd Annual Lego Contest on Saturday, January 30th from 10 am to 1 pm - we need help with getting judges

The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie - Author Dan Szczesny, Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00

Friends Poker Room in Hampton Falls fundraiser - February 19-25

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, March 19? (Easter is March 27) or April 2?

Cows and Communities: How the Lowly Bovine Has Nurtured New Hampshire Through Four Centuries- Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm - Steve Taylor (NH Humanities Council)

Cattle were essential to the survival of the earliest New Hampshire settlements, and their contributions have been central to the life and culture of the state ever since. From providing human dietary sustenance to basic motive power for agriculture, forestry and transport, bovines have had a deep and enduring bond with their keepers, one that lingers today and is a vital part of the iconography of rural New Hampshire, even as dairy farming becomes ever more reliant on intensive modern science and technology. Where are New Hampshire's cows today and what are they doing?

Books for Babies - Saturday, April 9 from 10 am to 12 noon

Discovering New England Stone Walls - Wednesday, September 21st at 7 pm
Kevin Gardner will return for this wonderful presentation - may hold at Town Hall
sponsored by the New England Humanities Council

Attendance at events in December

Book Groups – 18
Preschool Story Times - 25A/39C
Movie Night "Elf" - 15
Crafts at the Holiday Celebration - 35

Total = 132

Library Statistics for December

Patrons through the door – 410
Circulation – 718
Downloaded Audios and Books - 54
Total Circulation - 772

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Burch

